

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2823

To amend the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to enhance and improve certain procedures relating to voting by absent members of the uniformed services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2009

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. HARPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ENHANCEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF CER-**
2 **TAIN PROCEDURES RELATING TO VOTING BY**
3 **ABSENT MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED**
4 **SERVICES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a) of the Uniformed
6 and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1973ff–1(a)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and
9 (5) as paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), respectively;

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph (3):

12 “(3) accept and process, with respect to any
13 election for Federal office, any otherwise valid voter
14 registration application, absentee ballot application,
15 and absentee ballot that is submitted by an absent
16 uniformed services voter described in section 107(1)
17 without any requirement for notarization of such
18 document;”; and

19 (3) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by para-
20 graph (1), by inserting before the semicolon the fol-
21 lowing: “and permit the submittal of the official post
22 card form by electronic means (including by fax
23 transmission and electronic mail transmission)”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 104(a) of
25 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff–3(a)) is amended by striking
26 “section 102(a)(4)” and inserting “section 102(a)(5)”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 Congress—

3 (1) encourages States to permit members of the
4 Armed Forces to apply for, receive, and submit ab-
5 sentee ballots for election for Federal office by elec-
6 tronic means; and

7 (2) encourages the Department of Defense to
8 facilitate the implementation and maintenance of
9 programs that permit the secure submittal by mem-
10 bers of the Armed Forces of absentee ballots for
11 election for Federal office by electronic means.

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